

and improvement, the necessary safeguards are provided to enable the owners of wet lands in the valleys to protect their fields and drainage channels from being silted up.

(2) In view of the answer to part (1), the Government do not think it necessary to adopt the procedure suggested by the member in the assignment of such lands.

Assignment of the Aukulam Lake.

130. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state if the Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum, has under consideration the question of assigning away the Aukulam lake in the Trivandrum taluk?

(2) Will they be pleased to invite the opinion of the Chief Engineer and the Director of Agriculture as to how far paddy cultivation in the Trivandrum taluk would be affected by the assignment, for cultivation, of this lake and will they kindly issue orders directing the suspension of all proceedings in connection with the assignment until reports from the Chief Engineer and the Director of Agriculture are received and considered?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Dewan Peishkar has proposed that such portions of the lake, if any, as the Public Works Department have no objection to throw out for cultivation may be disposed of in auction.

(2) Yes.

Appointment of women in the Registration and Anchal Departments.

131. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state if any lady graduate applied for the post of Sub-Registrar during the last two years (1101-1102); if so, how was her application disposed of?

(2) Have the Government considered the desirability of appointing qualified women in the Anchal Department?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes. There was one application from a lady graduate for the post of Sub-Registrar during the last two years. It has not yet been disposed of, as there is no direct recruitment to the Sub-Registrars' grade which is reserved for individuals who have passed the Registration Test, Higher Grade, and have had some experience in the department as clerk or as a Probationary Sub-Registrar.

(2) The question is under the consideration of the Government.

Out-door Treatment of Lepers in the Karunagapalli and Kayankulam Hospitals.

132. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Have the Government or the Administrative Board, Medical Services, received complaints from the people of Karunagapalli, Kayankulam and other places against the collection of lepers in the vicinity of local hospitals and dispensaries for the purpose of giving them out-door treatment? If so, what action has been taken in the matter?